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OPERATOR TRAINING UPDATES

As you all probably know by now, LDEQ has been sponsoring UST Operator Training seminars and the program is being administered by Louisiana Compliance Services, LLC (LCS), a subsidiary of the Louisiana Oil Marketers and Convenience Store Association (LOMCSA). LCS contracted Williams and Company Consulting, Inc. to perform the training. There have been 54

seminars conducted so far and attendance has been very good, averaging 44 people per seminar. There are currently approximately 2355 Certified A and B Operators and 7800 Certified Class C Operators in Louisiana. The deadline for all UST Operators to be certified was August 8, 2012. There are still some UST owners and operators that have not been certified. LDEQ are working on providing notifications to these operators during inspections and with letters. Untrained operators may receive a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) letter with a timeframe to get the training completed. If training is not performed by the date specified on the NOD letter, potential penalties could occur.

Since February 20, 2010, LDEQ has been providing Operator Training flyers to UST owners and operators during inspections. The flyers explain the program and remind UST owners that all Class A, B and C training had to complete by August 8, 2012. If your UST facility does not have a certified Class A or B Operator, please designate your Class A and B Operators and have them register for a seminar at www.petroclassroom.com as soon as possible.

All certified A and B Operators that have already completed the training must be re-trained within 3 years of their last training date. Seminars will be scheduled throughout the year, so please check the training date on your certificate and plan on attending a seminar prior to your three-year deadline.



UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

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Due to the timing of finalizing the LDEQ/LCS contract, it is possible that there may be a gap in seminars between December 2012 and February or March 2013. If there are no seminars scheduled before your NOD letter or 3 year re-training deadline, LDEQ will not penalize you, but please attend one of the seminars as soon as one is scheduled after your training or re-training due date. Expect the new seminars dates to be posted on the www.petroclassroom.com and www.lomcsa.com web sites sometime in January.

Class A or B Operators can train their Class Cs themselves, can designate someone to train them, can use an on-line or CD training course, etc. A list of on-line Class C training providers can be found on the LDEQ website (www.deq.louisiana.gov), UST Page, Operator Training FAQs. Also, remember to provide a list of your class C operators that have received training to LCS in order to receive their class C certificates. The names of the class C person trained, the date of the training, and the UST owner that they work for must be either emailed to lomcsa@lomcsa.com or mailed to:

Louisiana Compliance Services, LLC
P. O. Box 80357
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0357

Trained Class C Operators only have to be trained once and can work at any store owned by the UST owner that provided their Class C training without having to be re-trained. If a

trained Class C person works at a facility owned by a different owner then they are required to be re-trained by the new UST owner.

All facilities should now have site-specific emergency procedures posted at their facilities in an area where the Class C Operators can see them. The items that must be posted are any site-specific emergency procedures, the location of the emergency shut-off device, and emergency contact numbers. The emergency contact numbers must include the Louisiana Department of Public Safety Hotline: 225-925-6595; the LDEQ Single Point of Contact: 225-219-3640; and the contact number for the facility Class A/B Operator.

Please check the Operator Training FAQs on the LDEQ website at www.deq.louisiana.gov for more information, or contact Samuel Broussard at LDEQ by phone (337-262-5744) or email (samuel.broussard@la.gov) with any questions regarding the LDEQ UST Operator Training program.

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LDEQ SOLID WASTE CONFERENCE (LSWA) – CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Louisiana Solid Waste Association Conference will be held **March 20-22, 2013**, at the [Cajundome Convention Center, Lafayette, LA](http://www.cajundome.com). The LDEQ Underground Storage Tank Division will offer eight (8) hours of Continuing Education Units to UST Certified Workers who attend all of the UST sessions.

For questions regarding continuing education, contact Verretta Johnson at (225) 219-3437 or by e-mail at verretta.johnson@la.gov.



UST CERTIFIED WORKER EXAM SCHEDULE 2013

DATE AND TIME	REGION	LOCATION
Mar. 07, 2013 Installation/ Repair 8:30AM Closure 1:30PM	SERO	LA. DEQ (Map) 201 Evans Road, Building 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123